

1 AN ACT concerning telecommunications.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Broadband Access on Passenger Rail Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

8 "Passenger rail systems" includes all passenger rail
9 systems maintained by the National Passenger Railroad
10 Corporation in Illinois and those passenger rail systems under
11 the jurisdiction of the Commuter Rail Board as established in
12 Section 3B.08 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act.

13 Section 10. Broadband Access on Passenger Rail Plan. The
14 Department shall deliver to the Governor and General Assembly a
15 plan for ensuring high speed data transmission services on all
16 passenger rail systems in Illinois at fair and reasonable
17 prices no later than December 31, 2007. The plan shall include
18 recommendations for acquiring necessary rights of way,
19 installation of necessary infrastructure, operation of high
20 speed data transmission services, and funding sources.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.